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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROBLEMS FACING NICS

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1. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN OVER POTENTIAL MAJOR PROBLEMS FACING NICS AND AGREE THAT U.S. MUST PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TO RESOLVE THESE PROBLEMS AS EACH ISSUE COMES INTO SHARPER FOCUS.

2. WE HAVE PROBLEMS WITH PROPOSAL TO HAVE MINISTERS MERELY REAFFIRM THE NICS CONCEPT WHICH WAS DONE BY THEM IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS. WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS MADE FOR THEIR APPROVAL. HOWEVER, ISSUES HAVE NOT REACHED STAGE FOR ADEQUATE DEFINITION OF PROBLEM AREAS
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TO MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECEMBER MEETING.

THESE ISSUES SHOULD BE DEFINED FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE NJCEC IN MARCH, IN TIME TO HAVE DPC IN PERMANENT SESSION REFER THEM TO THE ATTENTION OF, AND APPROPRIATE ACTION BY MINISTERS IN SPRING. IN THE MEANTIME, AND BEFORE WE GO TO MINISTERS, WE WILL ALSO HAVE TO CLEAR WAY FOR U.S. TO PARTICIPATE IN NECESSARY STEPS TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS, SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE THOSE CONNECTED WIT; MANNING OF NICS.

3. IN SUM, WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU IN THE NEXT MONTHS TO DEVELOP A PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS TO WHICH WE CAN GIVE OUR FULL BACKING -- AND BRING OTHERS TO SUPPORT -- IN CONTEXT OF PREPARATIONS FOR SPRING 1975 DPC MEETING. INGERSOLL

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